

February 25, 2015

Connecticut General Assembly
Joint Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2300
Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: Support for House Joint Resolution No. 62 Proposing a Constitutional Amendment to Require Certain Moneys to be Deposited in the Special Transportation Fund and to Limit the Use of Monies in Said Fund.

Support for Raised Bill No. 937 an Act Requiring All Monies to be Directed to the Special Transportation Fund, and All Expenditures from Said Fund to be for Transportation Purposes

Dear Senator Andrew Maynard, Representative Antonio Guerrero, Senator Toni Boucher, and Distinguished Members of the Transportation Committee:

The Capitol Region Council of Governments, representing 38 towns and cities and almost 1 million residents in North Central Connecticut supports House Joint Resolution No. 62 and Raised Bill No. 937 in order to have all appropriate funds directed solely to transportation expenditures in the state whether through a constitutional or legislated "lock box".

For Connecticut to rise to the challenges and opportunities to maintain and expand our transportation infrastructure it is critical that resources targeted for these important needs actually be used for that intended purpose. The state's Special Transportation fund should receive and retain all funding generated by purchase of gasoline, and other fees and revenue sources. To this end we specifically support establishing a "lock box" for Special Transportation Fund revenue and a guarantee that STF revenues be used only for state transportation projects. In this way we believe that the state will be better served in meeting its current and future transportation needs.

We ask for your favorable consideration of House Joint Resolution No. 62 and Raised Bill No. 937

Thank you for your consideration to present our views on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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